

**Patent claims**

1. Method for the preparation of anisalcohol by hydrogenation of anisaldehyde, characterised in that the hydrogenation is carried out in the presence of Raney nickel and a basic additive selected from the series comprising metal hydroxides or metal alcoholates.  
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2. Method according to Claim 1, characterised in that the basic additive is selected from the series comprising sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium methylate or sodium ethylate.  
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3. Fragrance mixtures, perfume compositions, perfume oils or scent compositions containing anisalcohol which has been prepared according to Claim 1 or 2.  
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4. Hygiene or care products containing anisalcohol which has been prepared according to Claim 1 or 2.